

Habits of the Best Husbands

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I continually watch other Christian men, so I can learn how to be a better husband. I'm not the husband I want to be, but I do have role models who challenge me in *so many* areas:

1. **Scheduling a regular date night.** Usually, that date night is weekly, though some go out every other week.
2. **Scheduling "Daddy/son/daughter" nights.** Few things please a wife and mom like a daddy who prioritizes and loves his children.
3. **Intentionally setting aside time to talk . . . and more specifically, to listen.** Most men aren't good at being quiet and paying attention to someone else—including our spouse. The best husbands I know have changed that pattern.
4. **Going to bed at the same time as their spouse.** That's not always easy, but every man I know who's made this commitment says it was an invaluable change.
5. **Respecting and honoring their spouse in public.** Never have I heard any of these men belittle their wives in public.
6. **Talking before planning.** They include their family responsibilities in any calendaring conversation, no matter how busy they may be.
7. **Praying with their spouse and children.** The best husbands I know pray daily with their family. The prayer may be really brief, but it happens, nonetheless.
8. **Holding hands.** It's a simple act, but it says, "I'm glad you're with me, I want to be near you, and I'm watching over you."
9. **Working diligently and wisely.** These husbands work hard to provide for their families, but they also know how to balance family and work time.
10. **Keeping their word.** They make no promises they can't keep, and they keep every promise they make. They are men of integrity.
11. **Loving the Lord.** The best husbands I know genuinely follow Christ